



Fall 2018 Rattler roundup: Scribes **Larry**, **Doug W.**, **Terry** and **Charlie**

Sept. 28, President **Rick** presiding:

Guest: **Dan Denis** of Abbotsford Rotary Club, promoting his club's Halloween Bash Oct. 27.

George circulated an album of photos of past visits by club members to Nepal.

Rick read a card from DGE Brad Whitaker, thanking the club for its \$2,000 donation to the district's golf fundraiser.

Rick reported on the recent executive meeting, including:

- * Approval of our honorary-membership criteria;
- * Starfish committee members are **Charlie**, **Pauline** and **David**;
- * Approval to pay any member's registration fee for annual Rotary International conferences (the 2019 gathering will be in Hamburg, Germany). Also approved was covering the club president's registration and hotel while attending the annual District 5050 conference, plus (to a total limit of \$1,000 Cdn) the expenses of other members who attend the annual 5050 conferences.
- * Approval of \$750 to fund two programs at Aldergrove Community Secondary School for students with special learning or behavioural challenges.
- * **Janet** was appointed to join Brian and Terry as our three representatives on the Langley Rotary Clubs' Charitable Foundation.

Rick presented a roundup of roadmap ideas the executive had discussed and asked each member to comment. This was some of the feedback that went beyond the status quo:

Garth would like to see our club focus more on Rotary International programs.

Ian suspected that RibFest would become our most profitable fundraiser and we should designate other fundraisers with more clarity and focus on specific beneficiaries.

Larry would like to see more Rotary info for new members and perhaps a mentorship program partnering long-serving members with new members.

David would like to expand Starfish.

Gord urged us not to lose focus on "fun" and introduce more social events for members to get to know one another better.

Pauline said we should create more awareness of the Polio Plus campaign.

Howie: Expand on Starfish and bring more awareness to Rotary International.

Bruce asked what we should do to replace the pub meat draws.

Doug W. suggested a printed handout for guests, so they would know what to expect



Gus poses with the winning foursome and their Klassik trophy.
Left to right: Gary Brassart, Carey Halovich, Kathy Brassart and Cathy Halovich.

2018 Kathmandu Klassik aces \$5,100 for Nepal

Sept. 14 saw 80 golfers tee it up at Fraser Glen Golf Course in Abbotsford for the 2018 version of the club's Kathmandu Klassik fundraiser for our projects in Nepal. The weather turned out better than expected and everyone had a mighty good time. Gus again did a great job of organizing the tourney, although next year he'd like to see a full complement of 100 golfers.

with our breakfast activities. We should also focus our fundraising on doing two or three really good events a year and attract new members.

Karen said we could always do more in the Aldergrove community and combine some efforts with the downtown business improvement group. She too would like to see more social events to get to know other members and attract new members.

Bev supported starting a mentoring program for new members and would like to see more social events.

Brian would like to see more firesides or progressive dinners for socializing. He suggested vocational services could recognize a local business and ask if we could host a meeting at its premises.

Janet would like to see a wish list of projects (such as the new hospice) and more social events (when working events we have little time to socialize), plus a plan for attracting new members.

Marilyn supported expanding Starfish into summer months and would also like more social events.

Rick then called on nominations for a new social committee. **Bruce** and **Larry** volunteered. **Karen** and **Angie** were nominated in absentia and it was hoped they would agree to join.

The 2019 executive search committee will consist of **Brian** (chair), **George**, **Pauline** and **Wes**. All members all invited to consider serving on our executive.

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Winners of the week's first Christmas hamper draw (for an Aldergrove family) were: **Susan**, our server (pork chops); **Rick** (red wine), **Bruce** (white wine), and **David** and **Scott** (golf balls).

Oct. 5: President Rick opened the meeting by presenting past president **Wes Jamison** with a Paul Harris award.

Guests: **Jodi Steeves** from the Aldergrove Business Improvement Association, who spoke on Aldergrove revitalization, the choices that would have to be made, that the BIA was doing and assessing surveys and would be doing video promos for Aldergrove businesses.

Alison Nicol from Encompass Support Services, who spoke about the agency's efforts regarding homeless youth. The youth-support building in Langley is now operating with all services in place, teaching youth life skills. Encompass is working on a youth housing resource.

Reports:

Finance: The annual report to the gaming gurus is done.

Community: The Aldergrove Community Centre is hosting youth drop-ins every Friday.

PR: Working on PR for World Polio Day.

Sunshine: Anniversaries for **Colin** and **Jack F.**

Draws: Karen (chops), Rick and Scott (wine), Kevin (gift certificate), Garth (golf balls).

Oct. 12: P-E **Pauline** presided in Rick's absence. Guests: **Darren Chambers** and **Gerry Chernochan** of the Jazz Airline Pilots Association. Gerry presented us with a generous cheque for \$4,871 towards our Starfish program.

Gord presented **Jack N.** with a Paul Harris Fellowship Plus Four award.

This year's Pasta Party (for Starfish) will be at St. Dunstan's on **Nov. 24**. **Charlie** circulated a sign-up sheet.

Vocational/Youth: Charlie said that there is a Forestry in Prince George program available for high school students. If members know of anyone who might be interested, they should contact him.

International/Foundation: Gord reported that plans were afoot to bring two representatives of our Nepalese project, Suresh and Ravinder, to meet with us, hopefully in the spring.

Membership: Howie reported one candidate (Jodi) in progress.

Draws: Carly, our server (chops), Colin (white wine), Gus (red wine), Cecelia (golf balls).

Oct. 19: Guest: **Jodi Steeves**, prospective member.

Guest speaker: **Allen Stockbridge** from Rotary's Pacific Northwest Passport Club and chair of our district's Polio Plus



District Governor pays us a visit

Linda Murray joined us for breakfast on Sept. 21 and presented President Rick McMullan with a Rotary International president's citation for our contributions. She also talked about next year's district conference April 11-14 at the Tulalip Casino in Marysville, on the theme of Caribbean Inspiration, and urged attendance from our club.

campaign. He is also on the District Foundation Committee and lives in Bellingham.

World Polio Day is Oct. 24.



ALLEN STOCKBRIDGE

Allen's uncle died as a result of polio, hence his keen interest. He reviewed the history of the evolution of the polio vaccine and how Rotary became involved in efforts to eradicate the scourge.

The Polio Plus effort began in 1985, when former

RI president Clem Renouf from Australia and American infectious-diseases specialist Dr. John Sever spearheaded a worldwide strategy. More than three billion children have been treated since the effort started, with more than \$1.8 billion US spent on

the efforts to date.

There remain 20 known polio cases in the world — four in Pakistan and 16 in Afghanistan, but sadly this is an increase of eight cases in the past year. Polio proliferates where there is poor hygiene and raw sewage in close proximity to people's water supply and eating areas. We need to keep up the focus on immunization and start transition planning for the day it is completely eradicated.

What could we as Rotarians do? Learn, share information, and donate!

Reports:

Finance: Tickets printed for the pasta dinner.

Community: Otter Kids Halloween function on the weekend. ABA mingler at the ACCU downtown office Oct. 24.

Starfish: Live auction items needed!

RibFest: Final number around \$55,000 split four ways, plus return of our \$2,500 stake.

Sunshine: Carlo's birthday Oct. 17.

Draws: Jack F. (chops), Garth and Carlo (wine), Kevin (golf balls).



Happy and sad



A random roundup (beyond all our "just happy" folks):

Sept. 28:

Jack F. had to leave early, but was ecstatic that his wife Debbie had been declared "all clear" of cancer. The club gave rousing cheers for the good news.

Howie: Drives a convertible, it is sunny, he is happy.

Garth: Being incarcerated with a group of high school kids for the weekend at a retreat and fundraiser.

Pauline: Her daughter turns 48 years old today. How could that be?

Glen: -As a photographer, happy with the sunshine.

Larry: Had a successful two-week road trip through the Rockies and a cycling trip along the Kettle Valley Railway Trail. Heading off to Northern Ontario for Thanksgiving.

Gord: Looking forward to rain so he won't have to tent any more. Last weekend he and Jean tented and forgot the poles.

David: Happy that after 14 months of being a member he finally received his toaster in the mail. After blaming Canada Post for the lengthy delay, he proudly showed the club a shiny toaster complete with a Rotary logo on the side.

Bruce: Regretted he couldn't attend the golf tournament as he was on call for the fire department.

Doug W.: Happy to have just enjoyed a 10-day golfing trip.

Bev: Fun at an Italian grape stomp.

Janet: Happy she could finally start hiking again after her injuries. She was about to take her mom on a cruise to Hawaii (yes, and back).

Marilyn: Happy to know that her mom had been cleared by her oncologist, but sad that she had just attended the funeral of a friend's mom, who had died from cancer.

Oct. 5:

Glen: Every day is a long weekend.

Garth: Off to India.

George and Brian: To Vancouver Island for a wedding.

Charlie: Diane away, so he was going to their cabin and would mooch dinner from friends.

Gus: Going to the Lions game, daughter engaged, sees more \$\$ signs looming.

Rick: Also going to see the Lions play, then heading east for two weeks.

Pauline: Off to Gabriola for some island time.

Karen: Spending lots of time lying on the floor, playing with baby grandson.

Wes: Got a speeding ticket on the autobahn!

Gord: Going to Point Roberts, hikes on the beach.

Bev: Happy the all-candidates meeting is done.

Oct. 12:

Gus: Happy to see the Lions and Canucks play.

George: He has finally joined the Aldergrove Credit Union!

Cecelia: Mixed feelings after a very emotional two weeks since her mother passed away.

Kim (potential new member): Happy to be with "such an awesome group" that supports the community.

Larry: Enjoyed the Ontario fall colours during his trip.

Terry: His solar panels are installed and he appreciates the currently sunny weather.

Pauline: Had a fabulous week on Galiano.

Gord: On his way to Africa for six weeks.

Oct. 19:

George: Nice weather, had attended the Rotary-at-work dinner with **Garth** the previous night.

Howie: Off to Montreal to see the grandkids.

Gus: -Off to Toronto for an awards function featuring the ACU.

Lee: Lee who??? Yes, he is back and happy!

Glenn: Off to Pemberton for the weekend. The speaker this week was especially poignant: Glenn's brother died at age two from polio.

Troy: Sad to have just lost his family pet.

Jack N.: Had a great golf game with friends and a nice boat trip up Indian Arm.

Larry: - Looking forward to a sunny weekend and picking up branches and sticks!

David: -Can't wait for Saturday's elections to be over and then off for some quiet time.

Kevin: He too had been affected by polio, as his father suffered from it. He was off to Kentucky to the Jack Daniels BBQ Competition.

Bruce: Good-luck to election candidates. Off to an urologist appointment.

Brian: Burning completed.

Bev: Can't wait for the weekend to be over and be back to gardening.

Jack F.: Six-week campaign brought bronchitis but happy that a very successful firefighters' gala had seen more than \$600,000 donated to the Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Angie: Co-op Ladies Night a huge success with more than 300 attendees.

Karen: Grandson now one year old. She wished candidates success and was heading off for a few days of R&R after the election.

Terry: Happy that his solar panels are working and he is giving power back to the grid on sunny days . . . BUT sad that his neighbour's trees block the sun at 1 p.m. at this time of year!



An Aldergrove Rotarian who recently visited the Hawaiian islands (OK, so it was your editor) noticed a couple of smart plaques in a Hilo (Big Island) waterside park. This led her to recall that our very own Aldergrove Rotary Club sign on 264th Street just north of the Fraser Highway is becoming somewhat lost in surrounding vegetation and industry. Is there a better place for our little sign? Do we need a bigger one? Just asking.

